

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-05

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00 MCE-00 NSC-05  
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R 171028Z OCT 77  
FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5645  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
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AMEMBASSY PARIS  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 3598

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, SU, FR, PCAT  
SUBJECT: MAJOR SUDAN-FRANCE ARMS DEAL RUMOR

REF: KHARTOUM 3553

1. INFO RE RUMORED FRENCH ARMS DELEGATION REMAINS CONFUSED.  
FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCE WAS AMAZED TO HEAR DELEGATION IN TOWN AND  
FRENCH DATT, LTC JEAN CLAUDE ARMAND, EXPLAINED TO OUR DATT  
OCT 15 THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF FRENCH COMPANIES ARE HERE  
CONSTANTLY. HE SAID NO SPECIAL DELEGATION WAS IN TOWN NOW  
TO CLOSE OVERALL DEAL.

2. ARMAND SAID FRENCH HAD NOT RPT NOT YET CONCLUDED DEAL WITH  
SUDANESE ON AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE. EIGHT COMPANIES ARE IN  
SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SUDANGOV. ARMAND OPTIMISTIC  
FOR NOW AND BELIEVES HE SHOULD KNOW SOMETHING IN WEEK  
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OR SO. HE BELIEVES SAUDIS WILL PAY FOR PACKAGE AND THAT  
FRENCH WILL ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAUDIS RE  
FINANCING.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY REGRETS CONFUSION OVER WHAT  
TURNED OUT TO BE NON-EXISTANT FRENCH DELEGATION. HOWEVER,  
THERE APPEARS TO BE NO QUESTION MAJOR FRENCH ARMS DEAL UNDER

SERIOUS DISCUSSION. SEEMS SAUDIS WILL FINANCE PACKAGE. AS  
FOR UAE, WE THINK IT MORE LIKELY FINANCE PURCHASE OF  
HELICOPTERS BY SUDANESE POLICE. IN LIGHT PAST EXPERIENCE,  
HARD TO SAY WHEN EITHER POLICE OR MILITARY DEAL WILL BE  
CONSUMMATED OR WHEN FINANCIAL NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE CONCLUDED.  
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